



LOCAL HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE

ASK SHIP

YOUR MONTHLY MEDICARE Q&A

Q. During this Medicare Annual Enrollment Period, I really want to do the research to make sure I have the best plan for me. What are some resources I could use?

A: Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period is October 15 – December 7. During this time, you can make changes to various aspects of your Medicare Advantage and Part D drug coverage.

One of the best tools that can help you during the Medicare Open Enrollment is the Planfinder Tool located at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan. It takes you step-by-step through available Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans while taking your prescription drug costs into consideration.

Another great tool for beneficiaries is MyMedicare.gov. You can register to get online access to your preventive health information and track your preventive services, get a calendar of the Medicare-

covered tests and screenings you are eligible for and print a report to take to your health care provider.

If you have already created an account on MyMedicare.gov, you will use that same username and password to log into the new Plan Finder – there is no need to create another account.

Another great resource for Medicare beneficiaries is SHIP! The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free, impartial assistance with Medicare questions.

SHIP Counselors are thoroughly trained and are located throughout Indiana. See a list of our Indiana locations at www.in.gov/ship/2500.htm.

You can meet with a SHIP Counselor by phone, virtually with an online meeting, and in some areas, in person.

SHIP Counselors are also available to help walk you through the online Planfinder Tool. SHIP offers events throughout Indiana. You can

find a current list of events www.in.gov/ship/2506.htm.

Find SHIP on Facebook at facebook.com/Indiana.SHIP. SHIP often hosts Live Educational events that assist Medicare beneficiaries.

To find a SHIP Location near you, go to www.in.gov/ship/2500.htm or call (800) 452-4800 during normal business hours to reach the SHIP Help Line.

If you or someone you know has questions about the Annual Enrollment Period, the Planfinder Tool, MyMedicare.gov, or any other Medicare related topic, call SHIP at 1-800-452-4800, 1-866-846-0139 TDD or online at www.medicare.in.gov. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

SHIP is a free, unbiased counseling program provided by the Indiana State Department of Insurance.